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The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE:

Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for Approval of the Transfer of its Water and Sewer Systems and Territory Serving the Kings Grant, Plantation Ridge, and Teal on the Ashley Subdivisions in Dorchester County to the County of Dorchester

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and five (5) copies of the Affidavit of Marling in the above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter, I am serving counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff with a copy of same and enclose a certificate of service to that effect. I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this document by date-stamping the extra copy that is enclosed and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.

John M.S. Hoefer

JMSH/amw Enclosures

cc:

C. Lessie Hammonds, Esq. Shannon B. Hudson, Esq.

## **BEFORE**

# THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# OF SOUTH CAROLINA

# **DOCKET NO. 2006-171-WS**

| In Re:  |  |
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| Personally appeared before me, Kirsten I  | E. Weeks, who after being duly sworn, deposes  |
| and states as follows: I am the above-refe  | erenced Applicant=s Manager of Regulatory  |
| Accounting. I caused to be mailed on the  | th day of July , 2006, via First   |
| Class Mail, to all affected customers of the Appli  | cant at the customer addresses maintained in the   |
| company's billing records, one copy of the att  | ached Notice of Filing in the above-captioned  |
| matter.   |  |
|   | Kuttn E. Wello ) Kirsten E. Weeks  |
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#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

#### DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

### NOTICE OF FILING

#### **DOCKET NO. 2006-171-WS**

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. – APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF ITS SEWER UTILITY SYSTEMS AND TERRITORY SERVING THE KINGS GRANT, PLANTATION RIDGE AND TEAL ON THE ASHLEY SUBDIVISIONS AND ITS WATER UTILITY SYSTEM AND TERRITORY SERVING THE TEAL ON THE ASHLEY SUBDIVISION IN DORCHESTER COUNTY TO THE COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-210 (1976) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-504 and 103-704 (Supp. 2005), Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("CWS") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for approval of a proposed transfer of the Company's sewer utility systems and territory serving the Kings Grant, Plantation Ridge and Teal on the Ashley subdivisions and the Company's water utility system and territory serving Teal on the Ashley Subdivision in Dorchester County to the County of Dorchester.

In support of its Application, CWS asserts, among other things, that the public interest will be served by a transfer of these systems to the County of Dorchester because customers will benefit from reduced rates, sewer customers will avoid rate increases associated with necessary plant upgrades which will be required if the sewer systems continue to be operated by CWS, and two discharges into the Ashley River will be eliminated.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Synergy Business Park, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's website at <a href="www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a> and is available from John M S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Petition. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at a hearing concerning these matters should notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416 on or before August 14, 2006. Please refer to Docket No. 2006-171-WS.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a Party of Record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before August 14, 2006, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2006-171-WS*.

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before August 14, 2006. Please refer to Docket No. 2006-171-WS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

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## **OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

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| Service, Inc. for Approval of the  | ) |                        |
| Transfer of its Water and Sewer    | ) | CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE |
| Systems and Territory Serving the  | ) |                        |
| Kings Grant, Plantation Ridge,     | ) |                        |
| and Teal on the Ashley             | ) |                        |
| Subdivisions in Dorchester         | ) |                        |
| County to the County of Dorchester | ) |                        |
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This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day one (1) copy of the **Affidavit of**Mailing by placing same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service with first class postage affixed thereto and addressed as follows:

C. Lessie Hammonds, Esquire Shannon B. Hudson, Esquire Office of Regulatory Staff Post Office Box 11263 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Andrea M. Wright Drught

Columbia, South Carolina This 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.